



## PRESENTATION OF THE REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION

**OF** 

PHILLIPS ISLAND
SUNOCO, Inc. (R&M)
MARCUS HOOK REFINERY
MARCUS HOOK, PENNSYLVANIA

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# Purpose and Objectives



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#### ◆ PURPOSE

- ☑ Present the Results of the Act 2 Investigation
- Discuss Potential Remedial Actions

#### ◆ OBJECTIVES

☑ Obtain Cleanup Plan Approval as Expeditiously as Possible



# Outline of Presentation



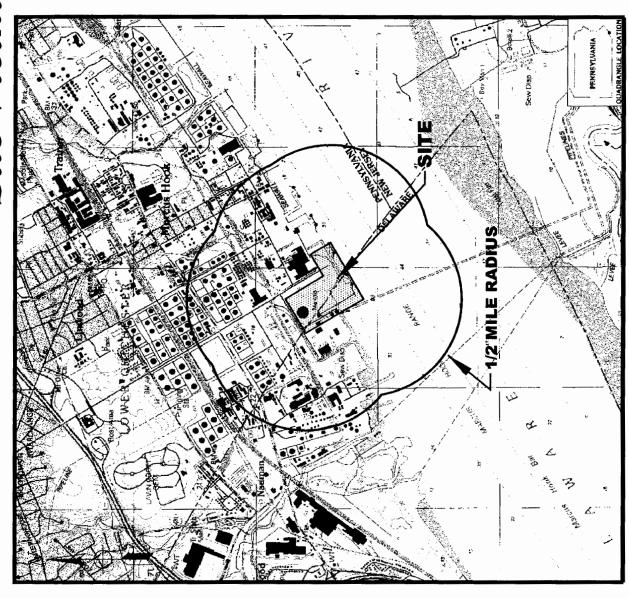
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- **♦** Introduction
- Background
  - ☑ Site Status
  - ☑ Site History
  - ☑ Potential Exposure Pathways
- Remedial Investigation
  - ☑ Remedial Investigation Activities and Results
  - ☑ Risk Assessment Status
- Remedial Actions
  - ☑ Discussion of Conceptual Remedial Actions

Site Vicinity Map





### Site Status

#### ♦ CURRENT CONDITIONS

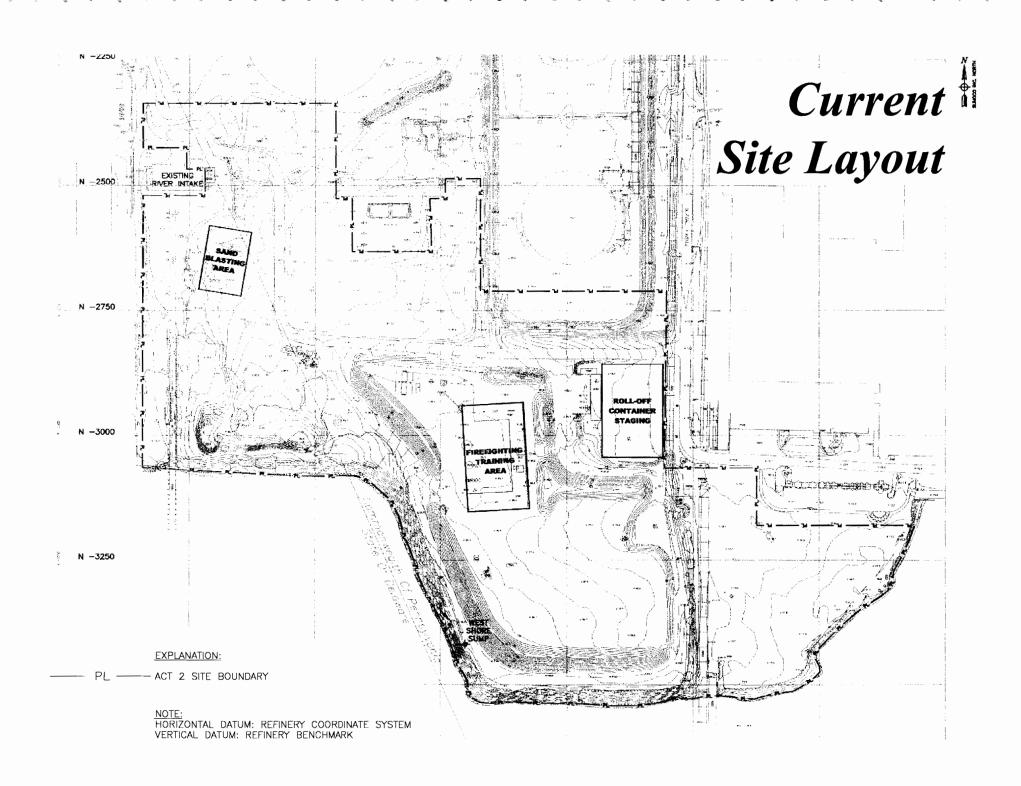
- ☑ 21.1 Acres of Island under Act 2 Consideration
- ☑ Closed Former Fill Area
- ☑ Ancillary Refinery Operations
  - Firefighting Training Area
  - Sandblasting Area
  - Roll-Off Container Staging
- ☑ Operating Under Comprehensive Remedial Action Plan
  - Covers Entire Refinery Including Phillips Island
  - Approved by PADEP in 1996
  - Phillips Island Remedial Action LNAPL Removal
  - Progress Reports Submitted To PADEP

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#### Planned Future Use

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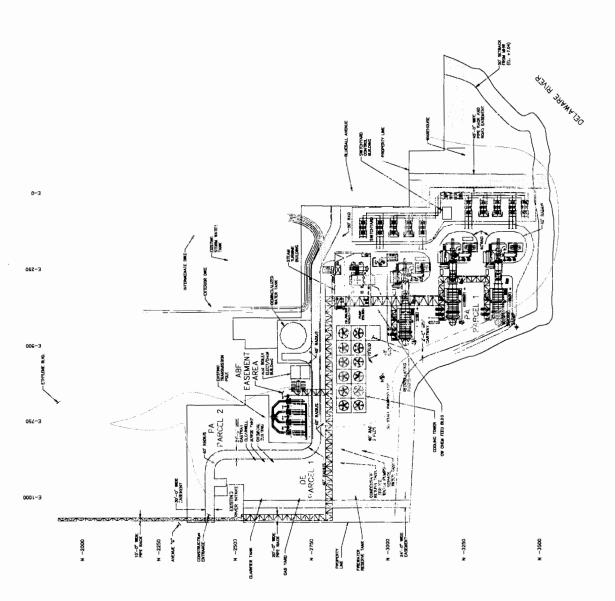
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- ☑ Construct a Co-Generation Power Station Primarily Fueled by Natural Gas
- ☑ Eliminate Some Refinery Boilers with Net Reduction in NOx and SOx
- ☑ Develop a Brownfield Site
- ☑ Expand Local Tax Base
- ☑ Bring Jobs into the Area

# Conceptual Site Layout





## Site History

#### **CIRCA 1930's**

Part of a Quarantine Station For Ships

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#### CIRCA 1930's to 1941

- Owned by the Phillips Family
- Sunoco Purchased the Island from the Phillips' in 1941

#### 1941-1950

- Stone Bulkhead was Constructed in the River
- Backfilled With Iron Pyrites, Debris

#### <u>1950-1966</u>

- Constructed a Second Bulkhead
- ♦ Backfilled With Spent Filter Clay, Clean Fill, Demolition Debris
- Spent Filter Clay was Mixed With Clean Clay and Compacted on the Island



# Site History (Continued)

#### Dames & Moore

#### 1966-1980

- Constructed a clay berm/dike (present Delaware River bank)
- Dike is approximately 30 to 35 feet high
- Backfilled with spent filter clay, clean fill, demolition debris
- ♦ Ceased fill operations in 1980

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#### <u> 1985</u>

 Site is re-graded with up to 18,000 tons of soil mixed with flyash

#### Early 1990's

 Site is re-graded with soil from construction of stormwater tanks in conjunction with the Middle Creek project

#### 1996

LNAPL recovery begins



# Previous Investigations

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- NUS PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF MARCUS HOOK REFINERY (EPA, 1987)
  - ☑ No Supply Wells Within 3 Miles
  - ☑ No Public Water Intakes within 3 miles of Refinery
  - ☑ Surrounding Land Use Is Industrial
  - ☑ No Critical Environments Within 3 Miles
- ♦ ERM, Inc. SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION AND SCREENING STUDY (1990)
  - ☑ Commissioned By Sunoco
  - ☑ Detected VOCs, PAHs, Pesticides and Metals in Soil
  - ☑ Concluded That Containment Coupled With Infiltration Control is Protective of Human Health and the Environment



# Previous Investigations (Continued)

## ♦ A.T. Kearney, Inc. - PHASE II FINAL RCRA FACILITY ASSESSMENT (EPA, 1991)

- ☑ RFA Identified Surface Soil Staining Near Operational Areas
- ☑ Did Not Identify Immediate Indications of Impacts
  From Fill Area
- ☑ Recommended a Subsurface Investigation
- ♦ GES, Inc. GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT (1995/1996)
  - ☑ Groundwater hydrology is complicated
  - ☑ No apparent hydraulic connection between fill area and river
  - ☑ LNAPL present in the waste filter clay

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## Conceptual Site Model

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#### ◆ SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- ☑ The site contains filter clay; leaded sludge; rubble; demolition debris; and general refuse.
- ☑ The site is covered with a soil layer underlain by fill material composed of soil mixed with flyash.
- ☑ The waste and fill materials contain petroleum-related compounds.
- ☑ LNAPL is present in wells in the waste material in the former fill area and at one seep.
- ☑ Groundwater quality data does not indicate a significant ∫ impact to groundwater from dissolved compounds.



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#### MIGRATION PATHWAYS

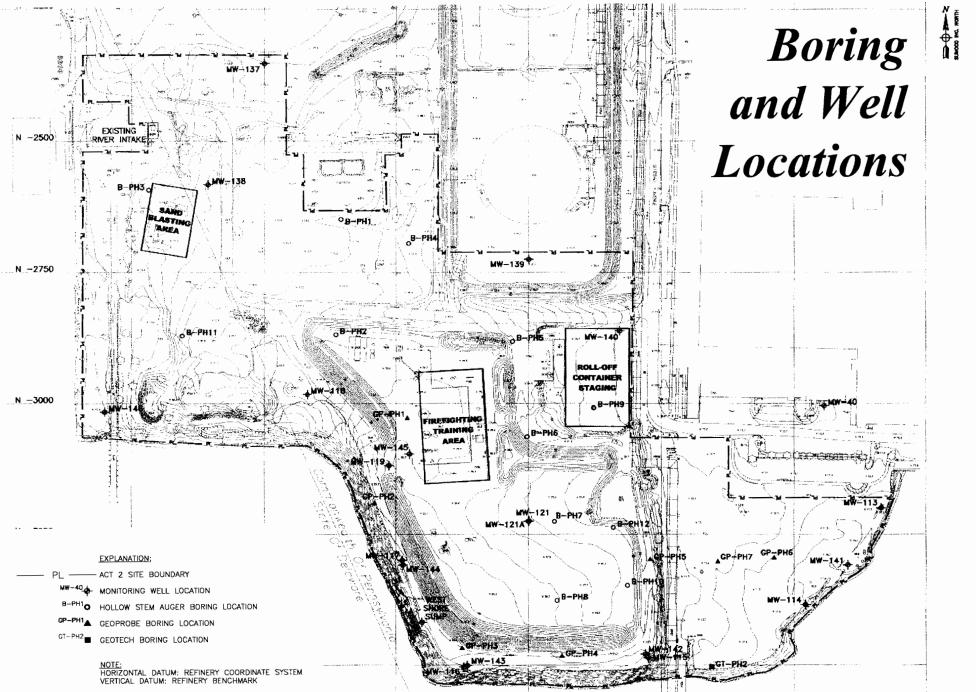
- ☑ The hydrology of the site is complicated. Groundwater elevation data indicate the Delaware River is recharging the groundwater system underlying the Island.
- ☑ The low permeability of the filter clay and the berm has isolated the waste and fill from the surrounding environment.



## Remedial Investigation Activities

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- ♦ 29 Soil borings
- ♦ 78 Soil samples
- Installed 10 wells
- Collected 1 round of groundwater samples from 12 wells
- Collected 7 LNAPL samples
- Slug testing
- Geotechnical testing
- Water level monitoring
- ♦ Three pumping tests





## Physical Characteristics HYDROGEOLOGY

#### ♦ SOIL AND FILL

- ☑ Soil from stormwater tank construction at Middle Creek
- ☑ Clay with aggregate, brick fragments, and concrete rubble
- ☑ Generally extends from the ground surface to approximately 5 to 18 feet bgs

#### ♦ WASTE

- ☑ Dense gray clay, debris, glass, gravel, wood, metal
- ☑ Extends from the base of the fill to approximately 42 feet bgs.
- ☑ Has a high water content
- ☑ Laterally discontinuous. The waste thickness in the eastern portion of the site is approximately 10 feet.

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## Physical Characteristics HYDROGEOLOGY (Continued)

#### INDIGENOUS SEDIMENTS

- ☑ Primarily of gray silty clay (average hydraulic conductivity of 0.02291 ft/day) ਿਦ ਪ data
- ☑ Some areas farther inland are orange/brown sand and gravel (average hydraulic conductivity of 6.87 ft/day) 🚓 et a late

#### ♦ LNAPL SEEPS

- ☑ One seep is located approximately 10 feet down the slope. LNAPL is recovered from this seep.
- ☑ Several small seeps are located near the water line along the bank. The LNAPL appears to follow bedding planes in the clay.

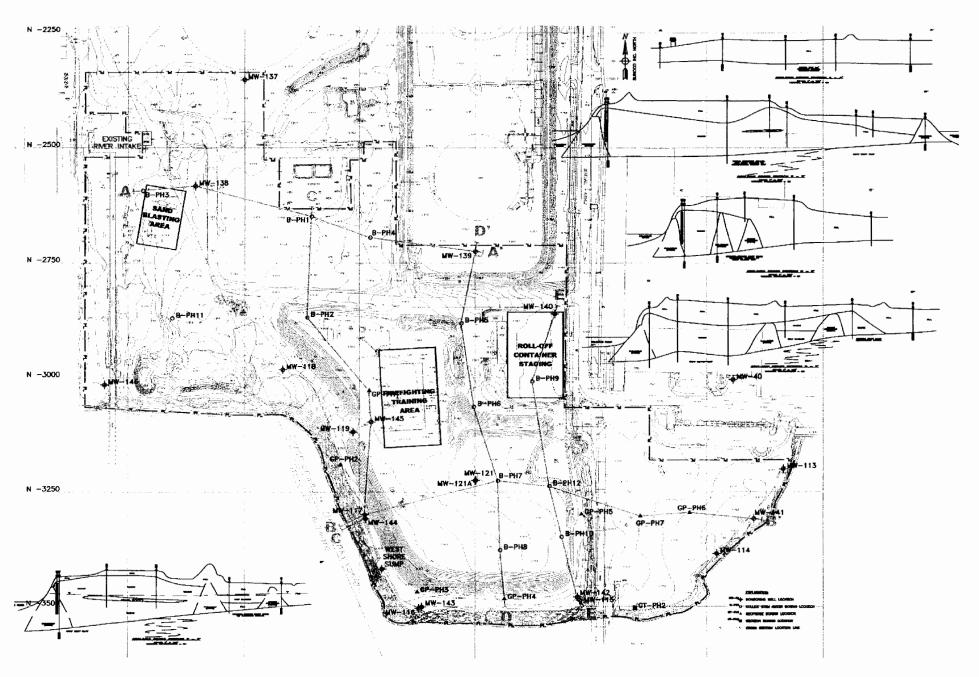
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## Cross Section





## Physical Characteristics HYDROLOGY

#### ◆ GROUNDWATER

- ☑ The highly variable head measurements indicate the waste material is not in direct communication with the indigenous sediments
- ☑ Low permeability of the fill and waste materials restricts water infiltration
- Groundwater occurs in the indigenous sediments under semiconfined conditions
- ☑ Groundwater flow in the sediments is to the south toward the Delaware under an average hydraulic gradient of 0.0225
- ☑ Tidal influence ranges between 0.05 feet to 0.29 feet
- ☑ The transmissivity of the waste material ranges between 0.032 and 11.4 gpd/ft.
- ☑ Calculated drawdown radii for the waste materials were between 0.15 and 62 feet.

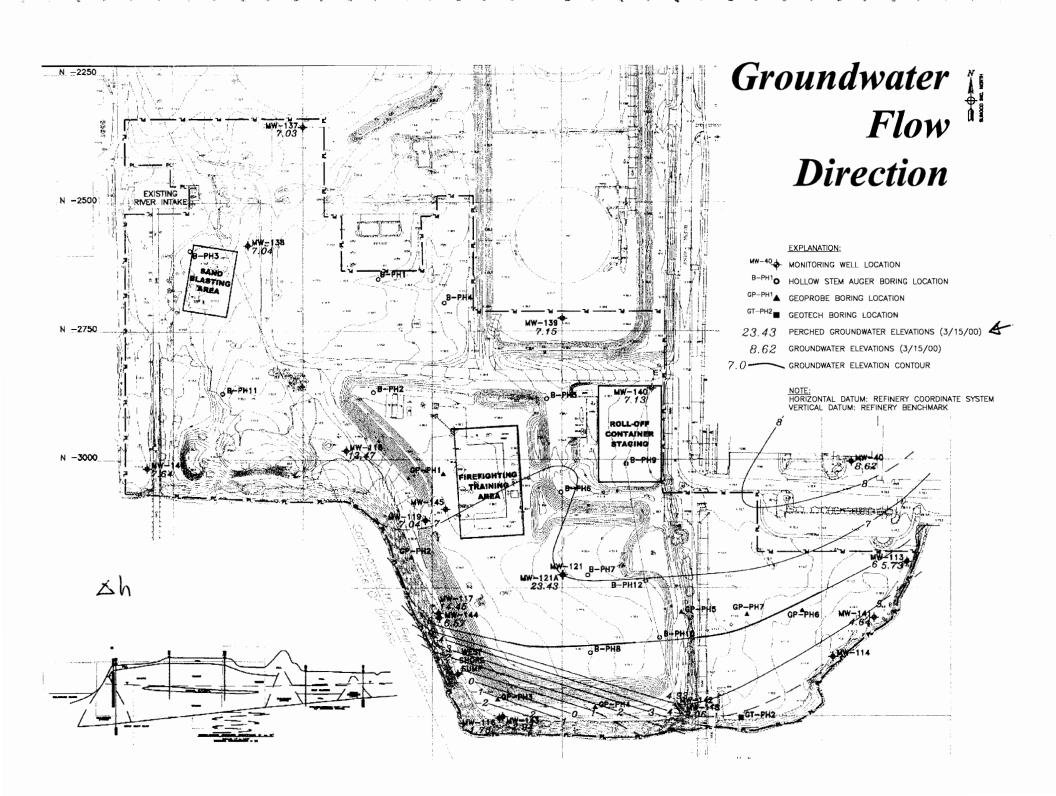
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# Physical Characteristics Property LNAPL

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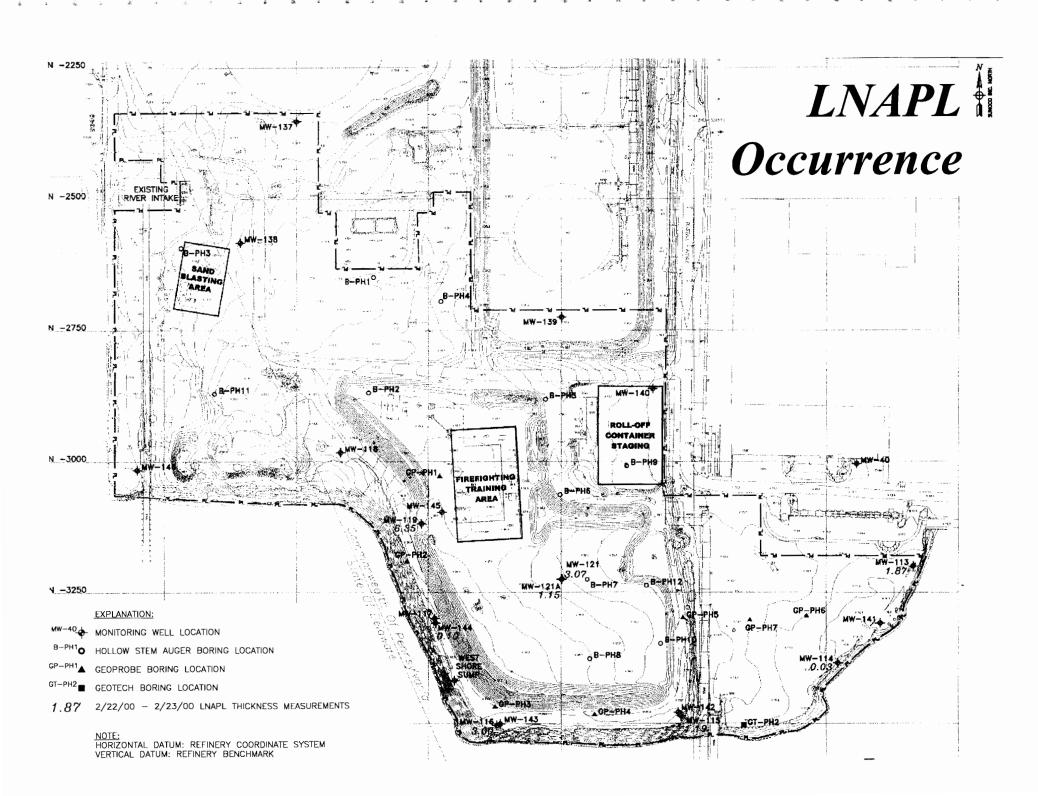
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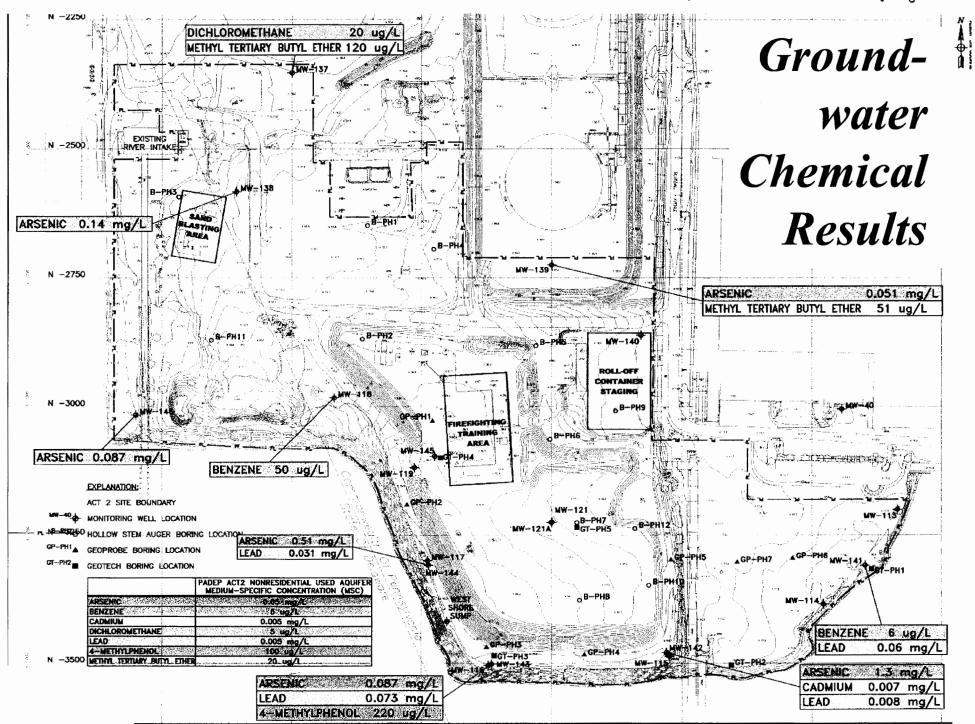
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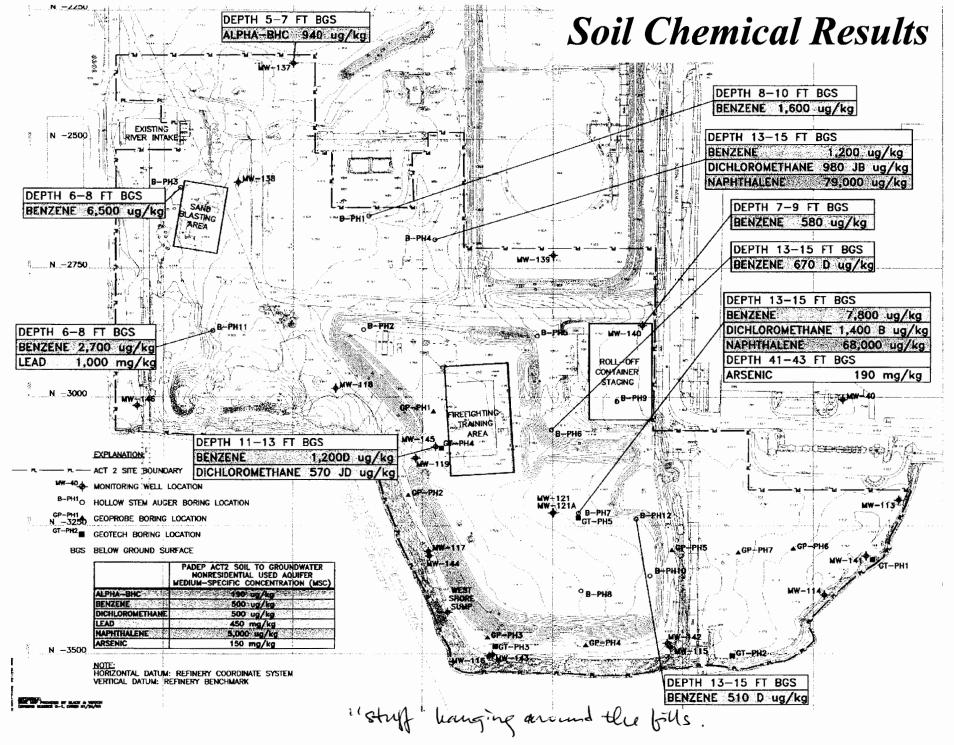
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- ☑ Detected in monitoring wells installed in the waste and at seeps along the Delaware
- ☑ LNAPL was not detected in wells installed in the indigenous sediments
- ☑ Apparent LNAPL thickness ranged between 0.07 and 6.35 feet

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## Results of Fate and Transport Analysis

#### DOMINECO MODELING

- ☑ Calculates the natural degradation of COPCs over time and distance
- ☑ Used the most conservative values for the site
- ☑ Results indicate that concentrations of COPCs will be less than groundwater MSCs within 50 feet of the source

#### ♦ SURFACE WATER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- ☑ Assessed the potential impact on surface waters from groundwater
- ☑ Back-calculated the groundwater concentration necessary to exceed the surface water quality criteria

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## Results of Fate and Transport Analysis (Continued)

#### ♦ SURFACE WATER IMPACT ASSESSMENT (Cont.)

☑ To exceed surface water criteria, site groundwater

nust exceed the surface water standards by:

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- benzene 4 orders of magnitude
- methylene chloride 5 orders of magnitude
- 4-methylphenol 6 orders of magnitude
- arsenic 6 orders of magnitude
- cadmium 4 orders of magnitude
- lead 4 orders of magnitude
- PAHs must exceed solubility



## Results of Fate and Transport Analysis (Continued)

#### CONCLUSIONS

- ☑ Soil permeability is sufficiently low to naturally attenuate COPCs over short distances
- ☑ COPC migration will be governed by chemical diffusion rather than groundwater advection

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#### Chemicals Detected Above the Non-Residential Use Aquifer MSC

- ☑ Benzene
- ☑ Dichloromethane (Methylene Chloride)
- ☑ Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE)
- ☑ 4-Methylphenol (Cresol)
- ☑ Arsenic
- ☑ Cadmium
- ☑ Lead



#### SURFACE SOIL

Chemical	Exceeded Direct Exceeded Soil to Contact (0-2 ft) Exceeded Soil to Groundwater Path	
Methylene chloride	No	Yes
4,4'-DDD	No	Yes
Alpha-BHC	Yes*	Yes
Beta-BHC	No	Yes

\* Detected at one location and at a concentration 10 percent greater than the MSC

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#### UNSATURATED SUBSURFACE SOIL

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Chemical	Exceeded Direct Contact (0-2 ft)	Exceeded Direct Contact (2-15 ft)	Exceeded Soil to Groundwater Pathway
Methylene chloride Benzene	No Yes*	No Yes*	Yes Yes
Naphthalene	No	No	Yes
Arsenic	Yes <sup>^</sup>	No	Yes
Lead	No	No	Yes

<sup>\*</sup>Detected in one sample

<sup>^</sup>Detected in three samples



#### SATURATED SUBSURFACE SOIL

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Chemical	Exceeded Direct Contact (0-2 ft)	Exceeded Direct Contact (2-15 ft)	Exceeded Soil to Groundwater Pathway
Arsenic	Yes*	No	Yes

\*Detected in three samples



# Ecological Assessment Findings

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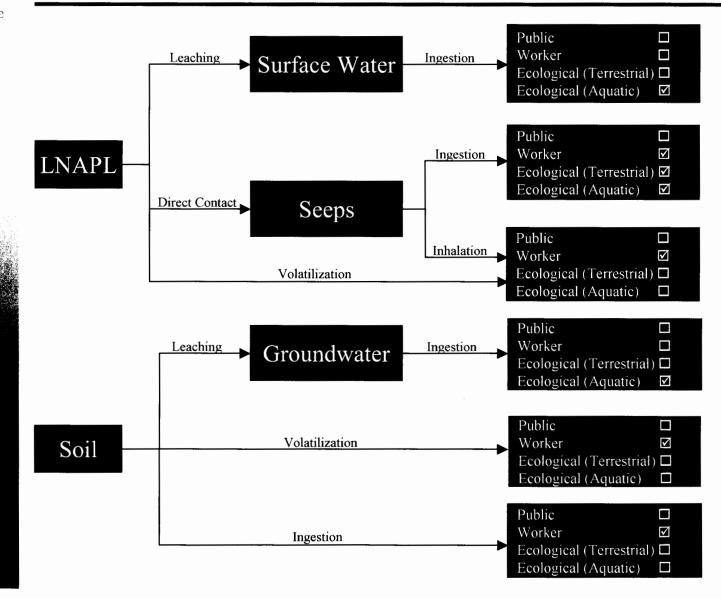
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- No critical habitats
- No endangered, threatened, or special concern species identified on the Island
- Conclusion: Ecological receptors unlikely to be a significant pathway of concern



## Exposure Pathways for Assessment



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## Preliminary Summary of Findings

- The site consists of waste and fill material overlying natural sediments
- Groundwater occurs under semi-confined conditions in the natural sediments
- Groundwater contains low concentrations of dissolved compounds
- LNAPL occurs within the waste and seeps out at several locations along the Delaware River bank
- The soil at the site contains compounds above the soil to groundwater MSCs
- ◆ The surface and subsurface unsaturated soil COPCs did not exceed the direct contact MSCs except for isolated occurrences
- Despite their detection in the soil above the soil to groundwater MSCs, many compounds were not detected in the groundwater above the non-residential use aquifer MSCs
- The preliminary results of the risk assessment indicated that:
  - ☑ The potential for exposure for current and future workers is likely to be insignificant
  - ☑ Ecological receptors are likely only at risk from direct exposure to LNAPL seeps

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- ♦ Enhance LNAPL Recovery
- ♦ Passive Vapor Control I underneath the slap.
- Stormwater Collection/Infiltration Minimization
- ♦ Seep Control

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